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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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1   OPERATIONS

1.1   PDP-10 System

Friday   8 September   system setup 0930-10000,
                          system failure disabled operators'
                          teletype, monitor reloaded, system
                          unavailable 1200-1210.

Tuesday   12 September system failure, offline 2145-2150,
                          monitor reloaded.

Wednesday   13 September system in loop, offline 2230-2234,
                          monitor reloaded.

Thursday   14 September system failure, offline 1950-1956,
                          monitor reloaded.

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0700-0900
                                operations 0930-2300.

1.2   GE-225 System

schedule for forthcoming week: maintenance 0700-0830, 2000-2130
                                operations 0900-2000, 2130-2400.

2   COBOL AND ALGOL DATA FILES IN BATCH

It is important to note that Cobol and Algol, when accepting data
from the input device (i.e. cards) do not under all
circumstances recognize the file separator card as terminating
the file, and may attempt to read beyond it. This situation may
cause serious problems with the student accounting system. It is
recommended that data be copied to a disk file and input taken
from that file.

In summary, do not put data for your Cobol or Algol programs after the .RUN command but copy them to a disk file prior to execution of your program.

3   PLOT

An error in the PLOT routine in the CalComp library file has been corrected.   The error resulted in incorrect pen positioning when a large movement in the negative X direction was required.

4   SNOBOL 3

The Snobol 3 Interpreter has been released on the LANG directory.